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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Akira TOMONO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2826
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Application No.: 10/693,083) Examiner: Williams, Alexander O.
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Filed: October 27, 2003)
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For: PACKAGING ASSEMBLY AND)
METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated June 22, 2004, with a period for response extending through July 22, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-15, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a packaging assembly;
and

Group II - Claims 16-22, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of assembling a packaging assembly.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the group characterized by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-15, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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